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Yankee Springs Fire Department to host open house Oct. 6

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

Fire safety will be the hot topic at Yankee Springs Fire Department during a special community event from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6.

Fire Chief Dan Miller is encouraging the community to explore the fire trucks that will be on display, with the evening also featuring cider, coffee, water and donuts.

"This will be our first annual Fire Safety/Prevention Week Open House since Yankee Springs Township started its own fire department on March 1," Miller said. "Kids will be able to tour the fire station and vehicles, plus spray water with a hose from a real fire truck."

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Wildfire Division will also have a vehicle on site, with state personnel on hand to talk about wildfires.

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Fire safety will be the hot topic at the Yankee Springs Fire Department during a special community event from 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 6. The fire station is located on South Payne Lake Road. **Photo by Dan Miller**

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Gaines Township Planning Commission members discuss a proposed site plan review for an Amazon delivery center at their Sept. 25 meeting. **Photo by James Gemmell**

Gaines Twp. Planning Commission postpones Amazon site plan review

James Gemmell
Contributing Writer

Members of the Gaines Township Planning Commission say Amazon should send one of its executives to the next commission meeting, if they are to consider a site plan review for a proposed delivery station.

The planning commission voted 6-0 at its Sept. 25 meeting to postpone consideration of the site plan until an Amazon representative is in attendance. The multinational technology company requested the review for a 216,018-square-foot facility with associated parking, access drives and loading spaces for trucks and vans. Amazon refers to it as the "DGX2" site plan concept.

The building would be constructed on 68th Street, near Patterson Avenue, and would be used for delivery operations. The location is between the $150 million Amazon Fulfillment Center that opened in 2020 and a sortation center that opened across the street two years ago between 68th Street and M-6.

Kyle Schott, director of real estate development for Ryan Companies, provided a brief update to the Planning Commission on the project. Ryan Companies is the developer working on behalf of Amazon.

"Madame chair, first of all, let me express my extreme displeasure that the only people here (on behalf of Amazon) are the architect, the engineer and the construction manager," said planning commission member Tim Haagsma. "Nobody from the applicant's company.

"And that's typical of what we've seen when these things have come in," he added. "I think somebody from Amazon ought to speak for Amazon."

Gaines Community Development director Dan Wells said he believes an Amazon executive will be on hand to discuss the proposed site plan at the planning commission's Oct. 23 meeting.

"We'll review it," he said. "They'll do some modifications, I imagine. And actually, have someone here from Amazon to answer some of the questions."

One of the concerns raised by some planning commission members at the Sept. 25 meeting was about traffic congestion. The site plan indicates Amazon associates will access the delivery building from 68th Street using one existing driveway and three additional driveways on 68th Street. The existing driveway on Patterson also would be used to access the site.

Planning Commission vice-chairperson Ronnie Rober asked Schott

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Turnout for inaugural festival surpasses organizers' expectations

James Gemmell
Contributing Writer

Organizers of the inaugural Taste of Gaines festival outside the Gaines Charter Township Hall on Friday, Sept. 26, were hoping for a decent turnout.

But the nearly 2,000 visitors who flocked to the event far surpassed their expectations. The sunshine and comfortable temperatures in the 70s did not hurt, either.

The festival was co-hosted by the Gaines Chamber of Commerce, township officials and the Kent County Sheriff's Office.

"There are a lot of cars out in the field, lots of people, lots of kids," said Brad Waayenberg, a member of the Gaines Township Planning Commission. "I was surprised to see all the people. It's great.

"What a nice evening," he added. "Perfect weather, lots of people, a good atmosphere. I'm glad everyone could come out and enjoy the Taste of Gaines."

The event ran from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday.

"People were here well before 5 (p.m.) on the grounds, and I think it's fantastic showing," Gaines Township Clerk Michael Brew said. "It's fantastic for the community and I think the people are enjoying themselves, really enjoying themselves."

Chamber vice president April Moayyer served as chairperson of the event designed to showcase restaurants, food trucks and other businesses that are either located in township or are chamber members.

The Gaines Township Board of Trustees approved the festival in July and authorized staff to spend up to $10,0000 in township funds to cover upfront expenses, such as tents, tables, a hot air balloon, marketing, vendor support and logistics. Based on the more than 40 vendors who participated, it appears the township easily recaptured the funding via sponsorship fees.

Beer and wine were also sold at the event, while vendors offered tasting samples plus full-price menu items.

There were several inflatables and bounce houses for children to play on, and other kids' activities. The adults enjoyed the food and drink, a silent auction and a 50/50 raffle.

"This is a great turnout, a wonderful event," said Tim Haagsma, Kent County Road Commission traffic and safety director, who is also a township trustee. "We have perfect weather and it's great to see all the people from the community here."

Several corporations also helped sponsor the event, including Switch, Amazon, Steelcase, Microsoft, StoneCo, Allen Edwin Homes, and Land & Company Apartments, among others.

"We could not be more delighted with Taste of Gaines," Township Treasurer Laurie Lemke said. "Everyone we've talked to has been having just a wonderful time. Lots of great food. Great company. Great music. And I haven't had one yet, but I hear the beer's pretty good, too."

Gaines chamber executive Barb Nauta said she was "amazed" by the turnout.

"This community is just awesome," she said. "Everybody's out here."

Township Supervisor Bob Terpstra said he had a drone flying overhead at the beginning of the event, taking aerial photographs to determine how many vehicles were there.

"I'm absolutely wowed at how many people are here," he said. "The impact

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People lined up in droves for a chance to take a brief hot-air balloon ride at the inaugural Taste of Gaines on Friday, Sept. 26. **Photos by James Gemmell**



The inaugural Taste of Gaines on Friday, Sept. 26, included inflatables for children to play in on the lawn outside the Gaines Township Hall.

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Fall Heritage Festival set to highlight township's agricultural history

James Gemmell
Contributing Writer

A Revolutionary War soldiers' encampment, pony rides and barbecue will serve as just a few of the highlights at the annual Fall Heritage Festival in Gaines Charter Township on Saturday, Oct. 11.

The festival is held on the lawn at the township hall on Kalamazoo Avenue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gaines Historical Society president Shirley Bruursema has been organizing the Heritage Festival in its present format since 2011, with the event celebrating the township's agricultural history and where prairie wolves once roamed the land. She said having the Revolutionary War reenactment will be timely, with the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States coming up next year.

Jerry Berg, owner and curator of the Fishing Museum & Cultural Center in Comstock Park, does historical reenactments at the event each year.

The pony rides will be provided by Mary's Country Critters, based in Wayland Township. Owner Mary Tegethoff will also be bringing a petting zoo to the festival.

Overall, Bruursema said plans are shaping up well for the upcoming festival.

"But we could always use more vendors," she added. "The main thing we need is antique tractors.

"But other than that, everything else is going really well."

Doug Smith of Hastings will be performing country music on stage from 11 a.m. to noon, with Mick Bruursema playing in the afternoon.

About two dozen vendors usually have booths or tables set up at the festival. One of the popular vendors returning this year will be Doug's Good Time Pig Roasting & BBQ Shack out of Shelbyville.

Bruursema said anyone interested in being a vendor or a volunteer should phone her at 616-698-8464.

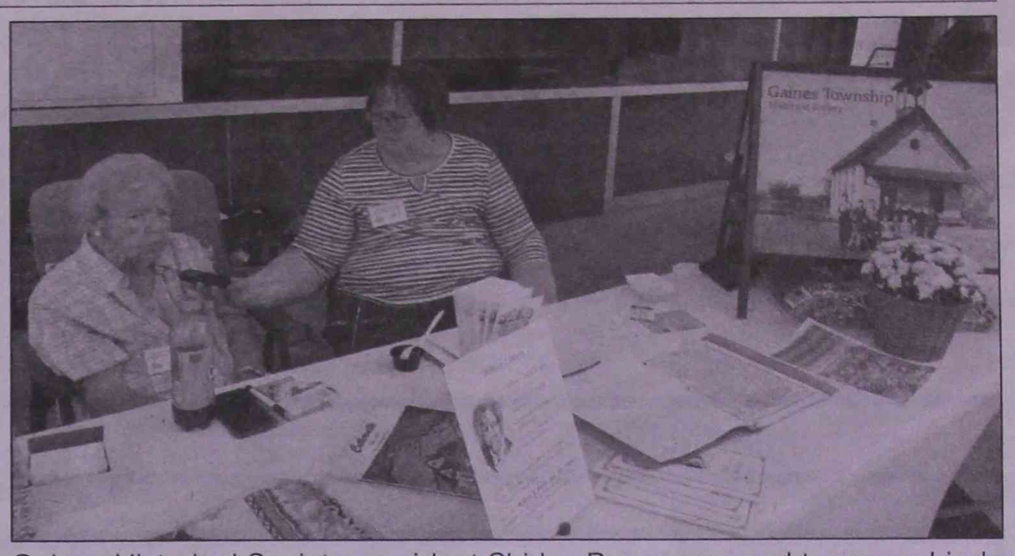
Also, Linda Crumback, treasurer for the local historical society treasurer, will have copies of her book, "William J. Hardy & His Family," about the township's early history for sale. The book describes how the Hardy family came to the area in the 1840s and how Hardy became the township supervisor in 1872 – the first African American to be elected to office in Michigan.

And, Rich McConnell of Gaines Township will provide the hayrides through the adjacent Prairie Wolf Park again this year.

Also, Bruursema said festival-goers can expect to see township fire trucks and sheriff's vehicles on display. Some vintage vehicles will be on site, as well.

There will be children's games and other activities provided by the Gaines Township Branch of the Kent District Library.

Bruursema added Byron Center Television will video-record the festival for airing on Comcast cable channel 25 in Byron and Gaines townships.



Gaines Historical Society president Shirley Bruursema and treasurer Linda Crumback had a table sent up Sept. 26 outside the township hall for the inaugural 'Taste of Gaines' festival to promote the upcoming Gaines Fall Heritage Festival on Oct. 11. **Photos by James Gemmell**



A banner outside the Gaines Township Hall promotes the Fall Heritage Festival set to be held there and at the adjacent Prairie Wolf Park on Oct. 11.



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"Antique fire trucks will be on site," Miller said. "Firefighters will be available to talk about fire safety, Great Lakes Energy Company will have an electrical trailer present for a demonstration on electrical safety – power lines down, etc.

"Representatives from Barry County Central Dispatch will have a booth to talk about emergency 911 and its operations," he added.

The Yankee Springs fire station is located at 1425 S. Payne Lake Road. For more information on the Oct. 6 open house, persons may call 269-795-1650.

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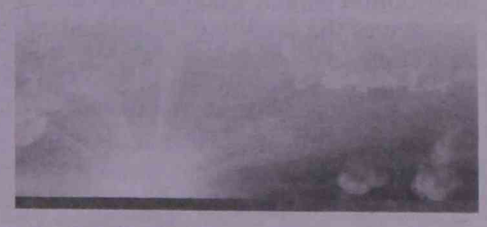
April Ludtke, age 48, of Middleville, MI, passed away on September 10, 2025 at Metro Health after a short illness.

April was born in Bryan, Ohio, September 25, 1976. She was an avid gardener, lover of animals, and enjoyed being outdoors. April was a beloved mother, sister, daughter, aunt, partner and will be truly missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her life partner, Lincoln Ludtke; her three sons, Morgan, Remington, and Seth; her father, Juan Santos; siblings, Jamie, Bonnie, Chris, Jeremy, Shannon, Danielle, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her mother Myra.

Contributions in April's memory can be made to the animal shelter Focus on Ferals in Byron Center, Autism Society of Kent County or the group of your choice.



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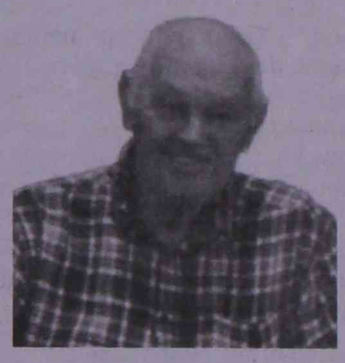
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For all the donations to the Dan Dykstra Jr. Memorial Scholarship. For the beautiful flowers and cards. And to the special friends and neighbors who provided the luncheon. A special thank you to Dan Beyer for the beautiful service given for Dave. A thank you to Beeler Gores Funeral Home for the wonderful care the gave us.

Love, Barb and Family

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how Amazon would address heavy truck traffic that speeds down 68th Street.

"From a traffic and parking perspective, Amazon's been taking strides to enforce operational excellence with their drivers," Schott said. "So, once they leave the facility it becomes a little bit more difficult.

"Amazon's putting in place some level of punitive damages for drivers that do not follow protocol as it relates to traffic patterns, as well as parking rotations and things like that."

Schott added that there will be fewer semi-trucks coming in and out of the distribution center. Each of the vans that leaves the facility will be heading on a route to a specific location in the community

"So, because of that you shouldn't see an influx in one particular direction," he said.

Rober said she has seen trucks from different companies speeding down 68th Street west of the East Beltline.

"They're flying. They're not just driving, they're flying," she said.

"Within residential areas," planning commission secretary Lani Thomas said. "It's been a problem. Those vehicles can't stop quickly, if they're full."

Schott said Amazon's manager of economic development policy, Kyle DeGiulio, has spoken to Wells in the past about issues.

"But I know that, operationally, they have had improvements in putting things in place to hold drivers accountable for their actions," he said.

Haagsma, who is also traffic and safety director for the Kent County Road Commission, said he was under the impression when the 850,000-square foot Amazon fulfillment center opened in 2020 that most of the truck traffic would take M-6 off Broadmoor Avenue.

He added traffic studies show that 50 percent of the Amazon truck traffic is heading west and 23% of it gets on M-6. The trucks are also using Kalamazoo Avenue as entrance and exit point, rather than taking strictly Broadmoor Avenue to 68th Street.

"And I'm as frustrated as you," Haagsma told Rober and Thomas. "Because we thought most of the traffic – based on a traffic study done whatever years ago – was going to come more from M-6 and go more to M-6 off Broadmoor."

Gaines Township trustees supported a traffic study in 2018 for the intersection of Broadmoor Avenue and M-6, sometimes referred to as the "Four Corners" area, because Gaines, Cascade and Caledonia townships, plus the City of Kentwood were impacted.

Haagsma said he does not think the vans coming in and out of the proposed distribution center will adversely impact peak period traffic on 68th Street.

"I don't know that there's anything the township can do from a site plan review level that makes that stay the same," he said. "Let's say five years from now (they say), 'I think we want people to leave here at 7 o'clock in the morning.' If we dump this kind of traffic out on the road at the regular peak, that's when there's an issue."

Planning Commission chairwoman Connie Giarmo said a condition for site plan approval should be that Amazon provide a contact person to keep in touch with township officials.

"I have had numerous conversations with Kyle DeGiulio," Wells said. "The problem is, he answers to higher ups that I have no idea who they are. And when he says, 'Yeah, let me run that by them,' it runs up the chain to somebody and the decision is never made."

Gaines Township officials have previously suggested for years that Amazon open the parking lots of the facility south of 68th Street and let them park there.

"This relates to the overall ecosystem of these three buildings, and the repeated problems have not been addressed," Wells said.

He suggested an Amazon official could work with the Planning Commission and revise the site plan to put in a parking lot for the trucks to use that's visible and accessible off Rapids Drive.

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to postpone any action on the site plan review until a traffic-impact study is forwarded to the township by the Kent County Road Commission, and until an Amazon official can attend the next commission meeting. The motion also recommended that sufficient truck parking be included in the design plan.

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County commissioners eliminate COW meetings this quarter

Molly Macleod
Editor

With the fourth quarter of 2025 officially underway as of Oct. 1, the Barry County Board of Commissioners has entered a trial period in which the board will eliminate its Committee of the Whole meetings.

Commissioners voted at the Tuesday, Aug. 26, regular meeting to eliminate COW meetings in the fourth quarter of 2025. Commissioners' business will now be relegated to two meetings a month, instead of two COW meetings and two Board of Commissioners' meetings.

The board will only have two BOC meetings, and no COW meetings, on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month on a trial basis throughout this quarter. At the end of the 90-day trial period, in January, commissioners will reflect and decide whether to reinstate the COWs or continue with the BOC-only meeting structure.

The board unanimously voted in August to adopt the 90-day trial. Some citizens expressed concerns during public comment that eliminating COW meetings could reduce opportunities for constituents to meet with their representatives and have their voices heard.

The next BOC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 14, at 9 a.m. Meetings are held in the mezzanine at the Barry County Courthouse in Hastings.

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A display table at Chief Noonday Car Park on Saturday during the Gun Lake Fall Fest showcased the Yankee Springs Fire Department's "If we can't find you, we can't help you" campaign. Green reflective address signs were on hand for $25.

Safety campaign underway in Yankee Springs, reflective signs grabbing attention

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

As part of its "If we can't find you, we can't help you" campaign, Yankee Springs Fire Department officials are asking area residents to install green reflective address signs on their mailboxes.

Yankee Springs Fire Captain Al Bouma said the reflective address signs are critical in finding residents in an emergency situation, especially for those who live in secluded areas.

"It's kind of a community risk in not having them (reflective signs) there," Bouma said. "With 53,000 acres of woods in Yankee Springs, it's not always easy to find them.

"We have a thing called Active 911 that we can open up a navigation and, as long as you have good cell service, that navigation won't work," he added. "It gets you close in the area, but sometimes it may send you to the wrong house or may show multiple locations with this address."

The reflective address signs will be available for $25 at the Yankee Springs Fire Department station house starting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Oct. 6 during the Fire Safety/Prevention Week Open House.



As part of a "If we can't find you, we can't help you" campaign, Yankee Springs Fire Department officials are asking the community to install reflective green address signs on their mailboxes. **Photos by Terry Cole**

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Commitment


Zach Santmier

Do you want to be financially successful? Then you need to understand one word above all else: commitment.

We live in a day and age where commitment means very little. Last week, we discussed the importance of living in agreements versus expectations. However, an agreement is only as good as the level of commitment behind it. I can agree to showing up for my daughter's ballet recital, but if I'm not committed to being there, an issue at the office could cause me to miss her recital and break her heart. If you're going to agree to work this system I have been teaching, then you must be committed to fulfilling your agreement.

My family has adopted a definition of commitment that one of my business coaches taught me. Here's the definition: Commitment means moving a mountain with a shovel if that is required to do what I said I would do.

That's some serious stuff! Think about it. I grew up in the Blue Ridge Mountains. They're not that big, especially compared to the Rockies or the Alps. But if I'm committed to holding up my end of the agreement, I am saying that if I must, I will get out my shovel and begin moving that mountain, one shovelful of dirt at a time. I am committing to taking the time that is necessary. I am committed to putting in the backbreaking work. I am committed to looking ridiculous and having others laugh at me to fulfill my end of my agreement. I am committed, if necessary, to moving a mountain with a shovel if that is required to do what I said I would do.

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Commit today to pursue INCREASE in your personal finances. Commit so heartedly that you can say with confidence, "I will move a mountain with a shovel if that is required to do what I committed to do." Your family tree will look different if you bring this level of commitment to every aspect of your life, but specifically, your personal finances.

Cheers to your commitment!

Zach Santmier is the owner of Trumble Agency, Inc. and the author of the personal financial course, Increase. He focuses on helping families escape paycheck-to-paycheck living so they can freely pursue their ideal future.


People didn't seem to mind waiting in line for a free hot-air balloon ride during the first-ever Taste of Gaines festival on Friday, Sept. 26.

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is already happening. So many people have said to me, 'This was a great idea. We've got to do it again. We've never had anything like this. We absolutely love it.'"

"One really good thing that's going to help our community is people are saying, 'I didn't know all of those businesses are in Gaines Township,'" he added. "My reaction is I wanted something to happen to bring people together. Now, we have a base to do this now over and over and over."

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Scots share the load in three-set win over Reeths-Puffer girls

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It was a good night to try some things right from the start.

The Caledonia varsity volleyball team jumped out to a 7-1 lead in the first set against visiting Reeths-Puffer in an OK Green Conference dual at Caledonia High School Thursday, Sept. 25, and went on to a 25-19, 25-15, 25-15 over the visiting Rockets.

Sophomore Quinn Ziegler had a few big kills during that early run for the Scots, Aubrey Reynolds got in some big swings, and then Scots did their best to spread the attack around after that.

"We were flexible tonight. We wanted to show that our whole team can contribute and everybody played tonight, and everybody contributed and we came out on top. That is what you want," Caledonia head coach Ashley Brown said.

"We manipulated the roster in a couple of different ways. We've been running a 5-1 and we ran a 6-2 tonight just so we could get some more attackers in and to have it in our back pocket in case we ever have to pivot to that in a tournament or in another game. We wanted to be confident in a couple different line-ups in case we ever had to do that."

Junior Reese Stafford has been the Fighting Scots' lone regular setter much of the season It was really just the second time all year that the Scots have put senior Kayla Charles in a position to share those duties with her.

"She has been playing middle for us. She is also a setter for us," Brown said. "She hit right side instead of middle and set when she was in the back row. We ran a 6-2 at one tournament, but that has been pretty much it."

Reynolds closed the night with 19 kills, eight digs and three aces. Stafford had 20 assists and Charles put up 19 assists. Charles added six kills, eight digs and four aces.

Sophomore Lydia Bell had six kills for the Scots too. Juniors Avery Seif and Dylan Hilaski had eight digs apiece. Senior Maggie Loomis chipped in two blocks. Junior Kayleigh Miersen chipped in four digs, two kills and two aces.



Caledonia junior outside hitter Aubrey Reynolds fires an attack during her team's three-set win over visiting Reeths-Puffer in OK Green Conference action Thursday, Sept. 25. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

"I think the girls that haven't played a whole lot, I think they really stepped up tonight," Brown said. "We put up some good blocks. One of our seniors, Maggie Loomis, she did her job. She went up and put blocks up and had a couple of nice swings. Dylan Hilaski, one of our DSs, she stepped in and was consistent on serve receive and defense. I think it just shows that we have more depth than we have probably had in a few years here at Cal. It was nice to see everyone step up and contribute."

Once or twice when the Rockets made a run, the Fighting Scot setters were happy to pump some passes towards their attack leader Reynolds. She had two kills from the left side and another one from the right to help turn a Rocket 6-5 lead to an 8-7 Caledonia lead early in the second set.

"It is nice having that option, because she is pretty good at out of system balls, and she has really been working on being a threat in the front row but also the back row," Brown said. "She has done a really good job stepping up and being that person we can count on when we need to put the ball away."

The Caledonia girls were slated to visit Jenison Oct. 2 and will be home to take on Muskegon Oct. 9.



Caledonia junior Kayleigh Miersen reaches back to pass a ball against Reeths-Puffer Thursday, Sept. 25 at Caledonia High School.

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Thornapple Kellogg senior back Debo Robinson lunges ahead for more yardage on a first half run against Grand Rapids Catholic Central inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville Friday. **Photo provided**

Offenses go scoreless as No. 1 Cougars best TK 10-0

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The outside linebacker watched, swatted, caught and ran.

There was still some time left after Grand Rapids Catholic Central senior linebacker Collin Lott stole a Trojan pitch, snagged the ball out of the air and rushed 16 yards to the end zone for a touchdown inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville Friday.

But in a game that ended up seeing only two scores, suddenly being behind by two scores was a lot.

Grand Rapids Catholic Central, the top-ranked team in the state in Division 5, took a 10-0 victory over the Thornapple Kellogg varsity football team to improve to 5-0 overall this season and 2-0 in the OK Black Conference.

The Trojans held the No. 1 ranked Cougars without an offensive score, but fell to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the OK Gold with the loss.

Catholic Central got a 22-yard field goal with 1:08 to go in the third quarter and then Lott's defensive touchdown midway through the fourth quarter while shutting out the TK offense.

The Trojans had a few opportunities to put points on the board. Debo Robinson burst through the middle for a couple big runs on the Trojans' opening drive of the football game, but a TK drive stalled out inside the Cougar 20-yard-line. Catholic Central blocked a 36-yard field goal attempt at the end of that possession.

The TK offense also moved the ball inside the Catholic Central ten with a little over a minute to go in the first half, but a fourth down pass was just knocked out of the hands of its intended target at the last second.

The TK defense came up big time and again throughout the evening. The Cougars followed up that Trojan turnover on downs late in the first half with a 77-yard bomb from Cougar quarterback Brayden Sweeney to Owen Tietema putting them in position to score in the south end zone before the Trojan marching band took the field. Camden Peter managed to chase down Tietema to prevent a touchdown. Peter was then in on the tackle with teammates Brekin Mcwhinney and Jack Smith a few plays later when they pulled down Sweeney at the three-yard-line as time in the the half ran out.

Peter had 11.5 tackles to lead the TK defense. Smith had eight tackles including 3.5 for a loss. Blake Bossenberger chipped in five tackles.

The teams traded punts back and forth to start the second half, before the Cougar field goal finally broke the 0-0 deadlock.

Robinson closed the night with 11 rushes for 52 yards for the TK offense.

The Trojans were scheduled to visit Northview Friday, Oct. 3, and will host homecoming in Middleville Oct. 10 agains East Grand Rapids.

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Scots win big over Cougars, take Loy Norrix Invitational championship

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Caledonia varsity girls swimming and diving team scored a 108-75 victory over the Grand Rapids Catholic Central girls in an OK Conference East Division dual Tuesday in Caledonia.

The Fight Scots had the top two teams in the first two relay races of the evening. Lily Klein, Sophie Gaylord, Aliya Van Hofwegen and Caitlyn Morris opened the evening with a winning time of 1 minute 55.81 seconds in the 200-yard medley relay. Anneka Schuurmans, Mya Vanderzwaag, Amelia McCann and Kailey Hall had the runner-up finish in that race.

In the 200-yard freestyle relay, the Fighting Scots had a photo finish. The team of Madelyn Foerch, Anneka Schuurmans, Evie DeHaan and Gaylord won in 1:48.77 and the foursome of Van Hofwegen, Addison Hoekwater, Nora DeHaan and Chloe Kerkstra was second in 1:48.97.

It was a 1-2-3 finish for the Scots in the 100-yard backstroke. Gaylord won in 1:02.15m, Morris improved her personal best with a time of 1:05.82 to place second and DeHaan was third in 1:14.66.

Gaylord and McCann went 1-2 in the 200-yard individual medley with the Scots. Gaylord won in 2:14.20 and McCann in 2:25.80. McCann added a winning time of 1:05.22 in the 100-yard butterfly.

Vanderzwaag won the 50-yard freestyle in 25.30 seconds and the 100-yard freestyle in 55.72.

Schuurmans won the 100-yard breaststroke at the end of the night for the Scots in 1:23.13.

The Scots came into the dual on the heels of a championship Saturday at the Kalamazoo Loy Norrix Invitational.

Caledonia girls won the 200-yard medley relay and the 200-yard freestyle relay at the race. Gaylord took the 100-yard freestyle in 52.24 and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:07.46. Vanderzwagg was the breaststroke runner-up in 1:08.82 and she won the 200-yard individual medley in 2:14.75.

Game's first TD accounts for Scots only points in OK Red loss to the Falcons

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

For the third consecutive Friday night, the Caledonia varsity football team was held to one score in an OK Red Conference contest.

East Kentwood took a 42-6 victory over the visiting Fighting Scots to drop them to 0-3 in conference play so far this fall.

The Scots scored first Friday, with quarterback Andrew Hanna firing a fourth-and-15 pass from the Falcons' 29-yard-line into the end zone where wide receiver Carter Berends made a leaping grab for the score.

That touchdown came midway through the second quarter, and the Falcons rallied to go in front 14-6 before the half and shut out the Scots the rest of the way.

East Kentwood took the lead on a nine-yard touchdown run by Bam Nettleman and and extra-point kick from Jayden Garcia, and then pushed its lead to eight points with a 35-yard touchdown pass from Kayd Coffman to Ahman Edmonds after forcing a quick Caledonia punt.

Corrman fired two touchdown passes to Owen Van der Veen in the second half, former Fighting Scot Dallas Moody scored on a 70-yard run, and Jesse M. Phillips Jr. added a five-yard TD run for the Falcons.

The East Kentwood defense held the Scots to 194 yards of offense, while the Falcon offense rolled to 398 yards including 226 on the ground.

Hanna was 4-of-9 passing for the Scots for 74 yards and the one touchdown and he rushed nine times for 44 yards. Aaron Collins had four rushes for 35 yards.

Colton Sheely and Elliot Clark had five tackles apiece to lead the Caledonia defense.

The Fighting Scots were set to host Grand Haven for homecoming Friday, Oct. 3, and will be back in action at West Ottawa Oct. 10. East Kentwood moved to 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the OK Red with the win.

Raak and Hawks both win a couple races in dual with Red Hawks

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Grand Rapids Union girls just beat out the Grand Rapids Gator varsity girls' swimming and diving team 97-76 in an OK Conference East Division dual in Grand Rapids Tuesday.

The Gators got a couple of victories from freshman Mara Raak in the meet. She won the 100-yard breast stroke in a personal best time of 1 minute 22.47 seconds and she won the 50-yard freestyle in 29.90 seconds.

Sophomore Mckenna Hawks added a personal best time of 1:18.59 in the 100-yard butterfly for victory in that race for the Gators. She won two individual events too taking the 500-yard freestyle in 6:29.26. Teammate Eloise Nichols was the runner-up in that one with a time of 7:37.61.

Scarlett Hilzey, Adelaide Nydam, Jenna Robinett and Raak teamed up to win the 200-yard freestyle relay in 2:18.03, finishing less than a second ahead of the top Union foursome in the race.

Trojan junior Lydia Slagel won the diving competition with a score of 249.10 points.

The 200-yard individual medley was a solid race for the Gators with Robinett second in 3:06.72 and teammate Lucy Krug third.

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CHS soccer guys open district play at Wyoming on Wednesday

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Caledonia varsity boys' soccer team will open the MHSAA Division 1 state tournament with a contest at Wyoming High School Wednesday, Oct. 8.

Game time is wet for 6 p.m. between the Fighting Scots and the Wolves.

Caledonia was set to finish off the regular season at Muskegon Thursday, Oct. 2.

The Scots went into that match looking to improve on their 8-6-4 overall record and a 4-3-2 mark in the OK Green Conference. The Muskegon boys were still playing for their first conference victory of the season.

Jenison came to Scotland Yard in Caledonia and snapped a two-match Caledonia win streak Tuesday, outscoring the Caledonia boys 3-2. The Scots had back-to-back 3-1 wins over Mona Shores and Reeths-Puffer on the road last week.

Buccaneers shut out Fighting Scots in final dual of the fall

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Caledonia varsity boys' tennis team gave itself one big test before the start of the postseason taking on former OK Red Conference rival Grand Haven Monday.

The host Buccaneers took an 8-0 win over the Fighting Scots.

The Scots pushed the scores in a couple of sets and the fourth doubles team of juniors Isaac Judd and Charlie Scott were able to earn a split before falling 10-6 in a super tiebreaker to Grand Haven's team of senior Michael Wilgenburg and sophomore Elliot Lane.

The Buccaneers won all four singles flights in straight sets. Senior Karter Schradin outscored the Scots' Hudsen Derengowski 6-1, 6-2 in the first singles match.

Fighting Scot senior Garrett Fales pushed to extend his match with Grand Haven senior Pablo Hanania, but Hanania pulled out an 8-6 win in a tiebreaker at the end of the second set to finish off his victory.

The Fighting Scot fifth doubles team of junior Shane Johnson and sophomore Zach Zupin started strong against Buccaneer freshman Dean Favreau and junior Reyer Thornell Timmer, but the Buccaneer duo pulled out the opening set 7-5 and then went on to a 6-0 win in set number two.

Jenison was set to host the OK Green Conference Tournament Friday, Oct. 3.

The Fighting Scots will head to Holland West Ottawa Thursday, Oct. 9, for their MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Regional.

Honhart leads Scots at final OK Green girls' golf jamboree

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The OK Green Conference wrapped up its varsity girls' golf jamborees Monday at the Meadows with Byron Center beating out the Caledonia girls by two strokes for the win.

The Bulldogs outscored the Caledonia girls 174 to 176 at the top of the standings. The league was set to get together at Muskegon Country Club Thursday, Oct. 2, for its postseason 18-hole conference championship tournament.

Senior Katie Honhart led the Fighting Scots at her final nine-hole conference competition with a score of 41 which had her fourth individually for the day.

Senior Codie O'Krangley shot a 42 for the Scots, junior Emily Walbeck a 43 and senior Halle Stout a 50.

Mona Shores was third in the day's team standings with a score of 184 ahead of Reeths-Puffer 192 and Jenison 194.

Mona Shores junior Avery Nehra shot an even-par-37 on the front nine there on the campus of Grand Valley State University to lead the conference. Reeths-Puffer had juniors Olivia Ambler and Sophia McCollum tie for second with 39s.

The Scots will be back at Muskegon Country Club Monday for their MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Girls' Golf Regional.

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THORNAPPLE FARMS PHASE 3

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Gaines, Kent County, Michigan, having received a request to make certain pubic improvements consisting of installation, operation, and maintenance of street lighting within the development of Thornapple Farms Phase III, from the record owner of land, has resolved its intention to proceed on the request and, pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended, to make said improvements in the Township.

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Bremer bests 26-year-old TK freshman record at Otsego

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

After more than a quarter of a century there is a new fastest TK freshman ever.

Thornapple Kellogg ninth grader Owen Bremer broke the varsity boys' cross country team's freshman record by finishing the course at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational in 17 minutes 8.09 seconds Saturday. Bremer beat his previous PR by about 50 seconds and surpassed the former freshman TK record set by Tim Brog at 17:10.6 at the MHSAA Division 2 State Finals in 1999.

"It's pretty cool," Bremer said.

He said he only learned that Brog's record might be something achievable this season a couple weeks ago, and a flat, fast course designed for speed in Otsego, and a race early enough to avoid the hottest part of the day provided the perfect opportunity.

Although he said after the race that he wished he'd known just how close he was to that 17-minute mark before he rounded the final turn to the finish, and maybe the adrenaline of maybe finishing in the 16's would have pushed him even faster.

While he is now the fastest TK freshman ever, he was ninth among freshman boys in the Division 2 boys' race Saturday in Otsego and 51st overall while leading the TK boys' squad. Medals went to the top 40, and Bremer was a little less than ten seconds behind the last of the medalists.

Junior Peyton Hardy led the TK girls' team with a 60th-place finish with a season best time of 20:42.93. Bremer said he didn't like running the Otsego course as much as the Wayland course the Trojans ran on previously during an OK Gold Conference jamboree.

Hardy was happy to bounce back at Otsego from her Wayland run, which she was disappointed in.

"I was really happy. I ran like a minute and 40 faster than I ran on Wednesday," Hardy said. "I had been feeling sick, and I wasn't mentally there enough Wednesday. I did really bad Wednesday and didn't want to do bad again. I was really upset Wednesday and wanted to improve.

"When I was running I just thought about how I felt after my last race and how mad I was at myself. I thought I'd rather feel pain now for 20 minutes than be mad at myself for another week before I can race again."

The Trojans' next race is today, Oct. 4, at the annual Portage Invitational, another tough, crowded meet filled with the top teams around.

Both Bremer and Hardy being at the front of the TK teams this season, and Hardy said it was really helpful to learn from the example set by 2025 TKHS alumnus Ava Crews who is now running at Grand Valley State University.

"I feel like I wouldn't have the confidence to run ahead at practice and stuff like that if Ava wasn't there last year to tell me it was okay to run how I wanted to, and I didn't have to stay with the pack," Hardy said.

The TK girls were 15th in a field of 25 full teams Saturday in Division 2 and the TK boys placed 18th.

The TK pack wasn't too far behind Hardy at all in the girls' race. Senior Madison Kietzman ran her fastest race of the season too to place 76th in 21:06.50. Junior Carmen Reynolds and freshman Brielle Miller both improved their PRs. Reynolds was 89th in 21:30.82 and Miller 90th in 21:31.30.

Sophomore Amya Gater was the TK team's number five with a 107th-place time of 22:11.86. Sophomore Karsyn Boersma improved her PR to 23:55.79 to place 143rd.

The Trojan boys' team got five new personal records. Sophomore Garrett Holzhausen was the team's number two with an 84th-place time of 18:09.90. His previous PR came on the Otsego course last fall, and he beat his 2024 time by more than 40 seconds.

TK also got personal record runs from freshman Parker Robinett who was 119th at18:58.80, ticking under 19 minutes for the first time; senior Benjamin Postma who was 123rd in 19:08.54; and sophomore Wyatt Richardson who was 136th in 19:27.10.

Junior Grady Galaviz placed 110th for the TK team, the squad's third finisher, with a time of 18:39.76 and TK senior Noah Donker clocked in 149th overall with a time of 20:47.48.

Otsego senior Emma Hoffman, a two-time state runner-up in Division 2, improved her PR to finish in 16:20.6 on her home course and lead the host Bulldogs to the girls' championship. Hastings junior Caroline Randall improved her school record PR to 17:39.9 to finish as the runner-up.



TK sophomore Garrett Holzhausen checks the course winding ahead of him as he runs the Division 2 boys' race Saturday at the annual Otsego Bulldog Invitational.



Thornapple Kellogg freshman Owen Bremer runs to a new TK boys' freshman record time of 17:08.86 at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational Saturday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

Hoffman's Bulldogs won the team title with 69 points ahead of Holland Christian 91, Grand Rapids Christian 101, South Christian 135 and Coopersville 158 in the top five of the 25-team race. The Thornapple Kellogg girls placed 14th with 412 points.

Vicksburg junior Caiden Caswell won the D2 boys' race in 15:26.12 to improve his personal record. The next two guys across the finish line were from the Grand Rapids Christian team. Senior Sean Ryan was the runner-up in 15:44.47 and sophomore Ashton Fink improved his PR to place third in 15:49.22.

Holland Christian had two guys in the top ten too, and the Maroons won the D2 boys' championship with 73 points. Grand Rapids Christian was third with 91 points ahead of Kalamazoo Homeschool 126, Otsego 155 and Three Rivers 195 in the top five. The Thornapple Kellogg boys were 18th with 473 points.



Thornapple Kellogg junior Peyton Hardy hustles to the finish line on her way to a season best time in the Division 2 girls' race at Saturday's Otsego Bulldog Invitational.

CHS boys run their fastest race ever in runner-up Otsego finish

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Fighting Scots won a state championship in 1996. They finished as the Division 1 State Runner-up a couple times in the past half decade.

They've never been faster than they were Saturday.

The Caledonia varsity boys' cross country team had two guys finish in less than 16 minutes, a third right at 16-flat and there were seven Fighting Scots among the top-40 medalists in the Division 1 boys' race at the annual Otsego Bulldog Invitational. It all added up to a second-place finish behind a powerhouse Kalamazoo Central squad.

The Maroons bested the Scots 55-82 at the top of the standings in the 13-team race. Woodhaven Brownstown was third with 97 points ahead of West Ottawa 101 and Battle Creek Lakeview 143 in the top five.

"That was probably the fastest race in my 23 years of coaching from top to bottom," Caledonia head coach Ben Thompson said. "I mean, we had two guys under 15, one at 16 flat. I mean, we almost had three guys under 16, and then we had nine guys under 17, which we've never done before … The course, the conditions, everything lined up perfectly today, but just super, super proud of them, super impressed with the times they ran today. They've been putting in some great effort. It pays off. That hard work pays off."

Fighting Scot senior Noah Johnston moved into second place all time on the Caledonia boys' record board with his sixth-place time of 15 minutes 35.82 seconds. He trails only Caledonia All-American Tim Ross who won the Division 2 state championship in 2001.

Sophomore Bennett Snapper was one of the only guys not to set a PR for the Scots, but he was just off his recent record pace and was the team's number two with a time of 15:58.07 in 11th overall. Fellow sophomore Sean Thompson continued his mammoth leap forward in recent days. He placed 13th in 16:00.08 and has shaved more than 75 seconds off his previous PR in the past week.

Sean Thompson has been working through an injury, and is really finally starting to hit his stride. He moved into the top 15 all time on the Caledonia record board with his time in Otsego, joining Johnston and Snapper who were already among that elite group.

The Caledonia team had sophomore Bentley Nichols 21st in 16:20.70, sophomore Jake Potgeter 31st in 16:31.68, freshman Isaac Dinah 32nd in 16:32.72 and senior Luke Smith 41st in 16:41.3. The CHS program also had senior Eli Velting lead a Caledonia 'B' team with a medal winning time of 16:26.08 that put him in 26th. A ninth CHS guy, junior Grant Feldpausch running for the 'B' team also broke the 17-minute mark.

"Kalamazoo Central is in our region, and they beat us still even as good as we ran they beat us by 15 or 20 points," coach Thompson said. "We still have some work to do. They're really good. We knew that coming in. Really good!"

Kalamazoo Central senior Andrew Wright set his personal record with a winning time of 15:00.24 in the boys' race. Loy Norrix senior Jackson Lam was the runner-up with a PR of 15:08.83.

The Caledonia girls were fast Saturday too. The seven Fighting Scots turned in five new personal records and every one had her best time of the season.

Junior Akaela Daman led the way for the CHS girls with a 16-place time of 18:40.70 that moves her into 13th place all-time in the Caledonia record book on the girls side. Junior Anna VanderWal earned a medal too placing 36th in 19:57.74. Daman cut more than 50 seconds off her previous PR and VanderWal dropped more than a minute and a half.

The Caledonia girls' team also had senior Hannah Bennett 45th in 20:15.20, sophomore Charlie Bont 50th in 20:29.88 and sophomore Elise Clarin 56th in 20:47.44 in the top five. The seven scores for the Scots also included freshman Kendall Van Ryn's 64th-place time of 21:18.14 and junior Madison Thompson's 79th-place time of 22:15.59.

Ann Arbor Pioneer won the girls' D1 race with 26 points ahead of West



Caledonia sophomore Sean Thompson sprints to the finish line for a time of 16 minutes 00.08 seconds at the end of the Division 1 boys' race Saturday during the annual Otsego Bulldog Invitational. **Photos by Brett Bremer**



Caledonia senior Eli Velting, running for a 'B' squad of Fighting Scots in the Division 1 boys' race Saturday at the Otsego Bulldog Invitational, gets by West Ottawa freshman Maxwell Post on their way to the finish line. Velting was one of nine Caledonia guys to finish the race in less than 17 minutes.

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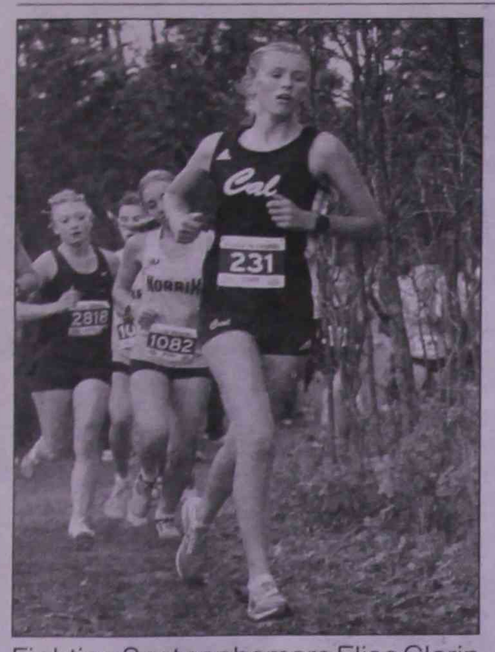
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Caledonia will hold a public hearing on October 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Office, 8196 Broadmoor Ave. SE, Caledonia, Michigan, on the application of Strike 3 to amend the Valley Point East Industrial Park Planned Unit Development (the "PUD"). The proposed amendment would add indoor recreational use as part of the Light Industrial uses permitted in the development.

The amendment allowing this additional use would apply only to parcel: 412-23-17-400-054, located at 8184 Broadmoor Ave SE.

A copy of the proposed amendment is on file at the Township. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the requested amendment. Written comments may be submitted to the Township at the above-stated address up to the time of and during the public hearing. Interested persons may contact the Township Offices or consult the Township website at www.caledoniatownship.org up to the time of the meeting for any updates concerning the manner of holding the hearing.

Dated: September 24, 2025

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA



Fighting Scot sophomore Elise Clarin runs to a new personal record time and a 56th-place finish in the Division 1 girls' race Saturday at the annual Otsego Bulldog Invitational.

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Ottawa 64, Hudsonville 74, Zeeland East 135 and Woodhaven Brownstown 144. The Fighting Scots were sixth with 203 points and were 16 points better than their OK Green Conference rivals from Byron Center who placed eighth.

Ann Arbor Pioneer had four of the first five runners across the finish line, all with new personal records. Sophomore Natasza Dudek led the way with a winning time of 16:11.13. Sophomore teammate Sienna Klemmer was the runner-up at 17:12.01.

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TK keeps Sailors closer in second conference contest

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

It was closer this time around, but the Trojans couldn't hold off the conference champs.

The Thornapple Kellogg varsity boys' soccer team was downed 3-0 by visiting OK Gold Conference foe South Christian Monday inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville.

Grand Rapids Union suffered a loss and a tie last week in conference play, and the Sailors have clinched the 2025 conference championship. The Sailors moved to 10-0-1 with the victory and will close conference play at Union Monday against the second-place Red Hawks.

South Christian bested the Trojans 8-0 in their first meeting this season.

The Sailors took a 1-0 lead Monday at TK with a goal by Parker Saladin midway through the first half. Saladin broke behind the Trojan defense on a push up field by the Sailors and got a shot by TK junior keeper Jeremiah Cramer.

TK kept the Sailors there throughout the rest of the first half and had one of their best scoring chances late in the first half with sophomore Dylan Wallach just curling a shot over the crossbar from about 25 yards out.

The Trojans put together another good push in the opening minutes of the second half, and a hard shot from senior Peyton Forman was just punched away with one hand by Sailor keeper Nickson Tanui.

Midway through the second half the Sailors upped their lead to 2-0 with a goal by senior Nick Hunderman, and then South Christian got a third goal on a header from junior Dylan Morris. Morris got his chance as a free kick from about 35 yard out rebounded through the box.



Thornapple Kellogg senior Inigo Evira Navarro shields the ball away from South Christian's Dylan Senneker in the midfield during the first half of their OK Gold Conference match inside Bob White Stadium in Middleville Monday. **Photos by Brett Bremer**

TK closed the OK Gold season with a record of 2-7-3 The Trojans played Grand Rapids Union to a 2-2 draw Wednesday on senior night in Middleville.

TK will go on the road for a non-conference match against Ottawa Hills at Houseman Field Monday, Oct. 6. The state postseason starts for the Trojans when they take on Marshall in an MHSAA Division 2 District opener against Marshall Thursday, Oct. 9, in Middleville.

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The Village of Middleville Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 5:00 pm has been

CANCELED

The meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Posted September 23, 2025
Rhonda Van Polen
Village Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
MONDAY, October 27, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Please be advised the Thornapple Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 27, 2025, at 7pm or as soon thereafter as possible. The public hearings will take place in the Township Hall, 200 E. Main St., Middleville.

The public hearing will address the following:

1. The adoption of an ordinance regulating the use of bubblers or similar devices for the prevention of ice formation on bodies of water within Thornapple Township.

Any interested person may attend the public hearings to learn about the extent of the proposed ordinance. A copy of the proposed ordinance referenced above may be examined in the Township offices at the address noted above during regular business hours. Monday – Thursday 9am- 4pm

Written comments regarding this proposed ordinance may be addressed to: Secretary, Thornapple Township Planning Commission, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333. Sandy Rairigh, Commission Secretary or submitted via email to: zoning-administrator@thornapple-twp.org

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Kathy Medenblik, Thornapple Township Clerk



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